

Goodwin Forest Conservation Education Center

Goodwin State Forest and Conservation Education Center were donated to the people of Connecticut by James L. Goodwin in 1964. One of Connecticut's first professional foresters, Goodwin specified that the Center be used in perpetuity to provide "forestry, wildlife and general conservation education to youth and adult groups".

Today the Center is managed under a unique partnership between the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, which owns the Center, and the Connecticut Forest & Park Association, which directs educational programs there.



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23 Potter Road, Hampton, CT 06247

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YOUTH GROUP CAMPING

*Combining Recreation, Education
& Fun in a
Managed Demonstration Forest*



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at

Goodwin Forest

Conservation Education Center

If you are a scout, church or other youth group leader, the Goodwin Conservation Center Youth Camping Area offers outstanding opportunities for learning about forests, wildlife and nature while recreating in a beautiful forest environment. Here are just a few of its many attractive features:

Nestled in a majestic pine forest, the camp lies in a private, off-road location, in a 2,000-acre State Forest which is managed by professional foresters and wildlife biologists.

Camp facilities include a 20'x40' pavilion with picnic tables, a 16'x20' pole building, outhouses and room for numerous tents.

A marked, ¾-mile, self-guided educational trail leaves from the corner of the camp, loops through the 80-acre forest and returns to the camp. Brochures available at the Center describe what you see at eleven different marked stops on the trail.

The Richard Haley Native Plant Wildlife Gardens lie directly adjacent to the camp. Here dozens of native trees, shrubs and perennials of importance to wildlife are labeled and maintained. Self-guided brochures available at the Center depict each individual garden and identify the plants and their food, cover or other value to wildlife.

The 130-acre Pine Acres Pond, available for boating and fishing, is directly across the street.

Sixteen miles of additional marked hiking trails take hikers around and through the adjacent 2,000-acre Goodwin State Forest and its three large ponds.



Forestry, wildlife and environmental educators at the Goodwin Center are available by appointment to help teach your group in a variety of flexible formats, including work on scout merit badges and/or building education around service projects that fit your time schedule. Call 860-455-9534 to make arrangements.

The Goodwin Forest Youth Camping Area is a great place for your group to recreate, learn about conservation and have a lot of fun. We look forward to seeing you there!



Legend:

- Demonstration Forest Boundary
- Forest Stand Boundary
- Natchaug Trail
- Airline Trail
- Demonstration Forest Trail

Forest Types:

1. White Pine Sawtimber
2. Oak/Mixed Hardwood Sawtimber
3. Red Maple/Mixed Hardwood Wetland
4. Oak/Maple/White Pine Saplings
5. Open/Early Successional Habitat



Self-guided Demonstration Forest Trail

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To reserve the camping area go to www.ct.gov/deep or call DEEP's Eastern District Headquarters at 860-295-9523.

There is a small registration fee.